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Congratulating the National Urban League on its 100th year of service
to the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HASTINGS of Florida (for himself, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Ms. RICHARDSON, Ms. NORTON, Mr. TURNER, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. CHU, Ms. SUTTON, Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia, Mr. CUMMINGS, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. CLARKE, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. HINOJOSA, Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. COHEN, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. KLEIN of Florida, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, and Mr. GRAYSON) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the National Urban League on its 100th
year of service to the United States.

Whereas the National Urban League, formerly known as the National League of Black Men and Women, is a historic civil rights organization dedicated to elevating the standard of living in historically underserved urban communities;

Whereas, on its Centennial Anniversary, the National Urban League can look back with great pride on its extraordinary accomplishments;

Whereas, since its inception in 1910, the National Urban League has made tremendous gains in equality and empowerment in the African-American community throughout the United States;

Whereas the National Urban League began as a multiracial, diverse grassroots campaign by Mrs. Ruth Standish Baldwin and Dr. George Edmund Haynes;

Whereas the League has since expanded to 25 national programs, with more than 100 local affiliates in 36 states as well as the District of Columbia;

Whereas, during the Civil Rights movement, the League worked closely with A. Phillip Randolph, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., as well as many other exceptional leaders;

Whereas, throughout the 1970s, the League saw tremendous growth in its partnership with the Federal Government delivering aid to urban areas as well as making improvements in housing, education, health and minority-owned small businesses;

Whereas this partnership revolutionized how the country viewed race relations, challenging the deep discrimination within America's social structure and cementing the League as a premier social justice organization;

Whereas the National Urban League employs a 5-point approach to increase the quality of life for Americans, particularly African-Americans;

Whereas the League's 5-point approach is accomplished through programs such as: "Education and Youth Empowerment", "Economic Empowerment", "Health and

Quality of Life Empowerment”, “Civic Engagement and Leadership Empowerment”, and “Civil Rights and Racial Justice Empowerment”;

Whereas, through the League’s Housing and Community Development division, programs such as “Foreclosure Prevention”, “Homeownership Preparation”, and “Financial Literacy”, the League was able to aid over 50,000 people in 2009;

Whereas, with assistance provided by the League’s “Foreclosure Prevention” program, 3,000 people were able to avoid filing foreclosure in 2009;

Whereas, through the League’s Education and Youth Development division, programs such as “Project Ready” ensure that students will be prepared for the transition from high school to college, or in joining the workforce;

Whereas the National Urban League publishes the “State of Black America”, an annual report analyzing social and economic conditions affecting African-Americans;

Whereas this report also includes the National Urban League’s Equality Index, a statistical measure of the disparities between Blacks and Whites across 5 categories: economics, education, health, civic engagement, and social justice;

Whereas these programs not only emphasize the importance of leadership and community in local areas but also enhance the quality of life by studying and addressing specific problems within the communities;

Whereas throughout the League’s 100 years of service the organization has assisted millions of Americans and especially African-Americans in combating poverty, inequality and social injustice;

Whereas the League has outlined 4 aspirational goals to mark its centennial anniversary as part of its I AM EMPOWERED campaign; I AM EMPOWERED will galvanize millions of people to take a pledge to help achieve the following by 2025:

- (1) Education: Every American child is ready for college, work and life;
- (2) Jobs: Every American has access to jobs with a living wage and good benefits;
- (3) Housing: Every American lives in safe, decent, affordable and energy efficient housing on fair terms; and
- (4) Healthcare: Every American has access to quality and affordable health care solutions;

Whereas the work of the League has been pivotal in improving the lives of millions of African-Americans through community-oriented programs, civil rights, and leadership opportunities, at times when these changes have been needed most; and

Whereas the National Urban League remains an essential organization today: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) congratulates the National Urban League
- 3 on its 100th year of service to the United States;
- 4 (2) expresses its deep gratitude for the hard-
- 5 working and dedicated men and women of the
- 6 League who, in the last 100 years, have struggled to
- 7 improve American society and the lives of all Ameri-
- 8 cans;

1 (3) commends the League's ongoing and tire-
2 less efforts to continue addressing areas of inequal-
3 ity and fighting for the rights of all Americans to
4 live with freedom, dignity, and prosperity; and

5 (4) lends its full support as the National Urban
6 League continues to create strong communities and
7 leaders for generations to come, and encourages all
8 agencies of the Federal Government to assist the
9 League in its many beneficial endeavors.

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